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PARKVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Parkville, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to charges related to child pornography.

Adam S. Battiest, 26, of Parkville, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to all counts of a Sept. 29, 2005, federal indictment.

Battiest admitted that he attempted to distribute child pornography over the Internet from Aug. 24 to 27, 2005. **Battiest** also admitted that he received child pornography over the Internet from Aug. 1, 2003, to Sept. 1, 2005, and that he was in possession of child pornography on Sept. 1, 2005.

By pleading guilty today, **Battiest** also agreed to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the alleged violations, including a Dell computer and a dozen CDs.

Under federal statutes, **Battiest** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to 50 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$750,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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